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1. IN PARA 3B OF REFTEL, WE REPORTED THAT ASYG LABERGE WOULD APPOINT DR. WALL (FRG) AS THE RATIONALIZATION TASK FORCE DIRECTOR. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH USDEFAD (LEGERE) ON 23 JUNE, LABERGE INDICATED THAT WALL IS, AS YET, UNDECIDED ABOUT ACCEPTING THE TASK. WALL HAS ASKED FOR ANOTHER WEEK TO THINK ABOUT IT AND PROMISED A DECISION NLT 30 JUNE. LABERGE SAID THAT THE UK HAS OFFERED TO PROVIDE A TASK FORCE DIRECTOR, IF WALL BECOMES UNAVAILABLE. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO LABERGE, THE FRG HAS INDICATED THAT, IF IT IS NOT WALL, THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE A SMALL NATION, CONFIDENTIAL

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PERHAPS THE NETHERLANDS, PROVIDE THE DIRECTOR.

2. COMMENT: WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MAJOR GENERAL ZUBER, THE RESERVE MOBILIZATION TASK FORCE DIRECTOR, ALL OTHER DIRECTORS ARE US OR UK NATIONALS. IN THE INTERESTS OF BROADENING THE BASE SOME, ADDEES MAY WANT TO REFLECT ON THIS TURN OF EVENTS, IF IN THE FUTURE, THE OPPORTUNITY PRE-

SENTS ITSELF TO REPLACE A DIRECTOR FOR REASONS OF TRANSFER, RETIREMENT, SICKNESS, ETC. END COMMENT. STREATOR

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